Comments were requested on each colored individual proposed improvement shown in the key below. Comments received and responses to comments are organized by each colored individual proposed improvement.

Three options:
1) Remove Lafollette St bridge.
2) Replace Lafollette St bridge.
3) Remove Lafollette St bridge and build new bridge at Kipling St.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.
Comments on removing the Lafollette Street bridge. Include local destinations that would be affected. How would this affect walking to places?

**Comment:** Closing the bridge could hurt businesses on Lafollette Street.
**Response:** All three bridge alternatives are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.

Comments on replacing the Lafollette Street bridge.

**Comment:** Yes, the Lafollette Bridge option is the best choice (3 comments).
**Response:** All three bridge alternatives are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.

Comments on removing the Lafollette Street bridge and building a new bridge at Kipling Street:

**Comment:** The removal of the Lafollette Street Bridge and building a new bridge at Kipling Street would require additional work. Kipling Street would need to be widened.
**Response:** All three bridge alternatives are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.

**Comment:** If it is more costly to remove/replace and less expensive to build a new bridge (Kipling Street), a new bridge would possible be the best option.
**Response:** All three bridge alternatives are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.

**Comment:** The removal of the Lafollette Street Bridge and building a new bridge at Kipling Street would result in an increase in traffic on Kipling Street. My current residence is within a block of the proposed Kipling Street Bridge which will increase traffic in front of my residence.
**Response:** All three bridge alternatives are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.

Additional Comments:

**Comment:** Need sound barriers (3 Comments).
**Response:** Due to the modification of public infrastructure in a highly residential area, a noise analysis will be conducted to determine the effect of additional and current noise pollution on the surrounding community. If a noise wall is determined to be necessary, then a noise wall will be constructed for specific sections of the I-76, I-77, and State Route 8 interchange.
Lovers Lane Exit Ramp Removal

Comments on removing the Lovers Lane exit ramp. Include local destinations that would be affected.

Comment: If the Lover’s Lane exit ramp is removed it will result in an additional three mile drive to and from my residence.
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramp for Lovers Lane is currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.

Comment: The removal of the Lovers Lane Exit Ramp will affect the following businesses/destinations: Circle K on Brown Street and Lovers Lane, Glovers CLC, St. John’s Catholic Church, White’s Poultry, and Adam Klein’s Seafood. How will ODOT determine the effects of the removal of the Lovers Lane Exit Ramp?
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramp for Lovers Lane is currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.

Comment: The community will be safer if the project maintains the Lovers Lane exit ramp due to the heavy traffic flow that would be diverted to the Archwood Avenue exit. Any additional traffic on Archwood Avenue could become a safety issue for students entering and leaving Garfield High School which is located at the Archwood Avenue and Brown Street intersection.
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramp for Lovers Lane is currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.

Comment: Agree with proposed removal of Lovers Lane exit ramp.
Response: Thank you for comment. As the project progresses we will notify you with any project updates.

Comment: Archbishop Hoban High School is concerned about the proposed plans to close the Lovers Lane Exit. This highway exit ramp is used by our constituents to access the school campus on Fifth Avenue. Traffic flow for Arlington Street is normally congested, particularly in the weekday mornings at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Arlington Street.
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramps for Lovers Lane is currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.

Comment: Removal of the Lover’s Lane exit ramp will cause an inconvenience for the neighborhood that lies southwest of the I-76, I-77, and State Route 8 interchange.
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramp for Lovers Lane is currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.
Inman/Johnston Street Exit Ramp Removal

Comments on removing the Inman Street / Johnston Street exit ramp. Include local destinations that would be affected.

Comment: If the Inman Street and Johnston Street exit ramps are removed it will increase the travel time from the interstate for all residents to the neighborhood.
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramps for Inman Street and Johnston Street are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.

Comment: The removal of the Inman Street and Johnston Street Exit Ramp will affect the following businesses/destinations: Glover Elementary CLC, Archbishop Hoban-Hoban Field, and Mason CLC.
How will ODOT determine the effects of the removal of the Inman Street and Johnston Street Exit Ramp?
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramps for Inman Street and Johnston Street are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process.

Comment: Agree with proposed removal of Inman/Johnston exit ramp.
Response: Thank you for comment. As the project progresses we will notify you with any project updates.

Comment: Archbishop Hoban High School is concerned about the proposed plans to close the Lovers Inman Street Exit. This highway exit ramp is used by our constituents to access the school campus on Fifth Avenue. Traffic flow for Arlington Street is normally congested, particularly in the weekday mornings at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Arlington Street.
Response: The proposed removal of the exit ramps for Lovers Lane and Inman Street are currently being evaluated at this time. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the planning and design process. Archbishop Hoban High School is recognized as a stakeholder in this project, so your involvement in project development is appreciated.
Comments on modifications to I-76 mainline:

Comment: Agree with modifications as proposed.
Response: Thank you for comment. As the project progresses we will notify you with any project updates.

Comments on modifications to ramp from I-76 west to I-77 south:

Comment: During the modification of the ramp to I-76 west to I-77 south, please widen the south bound on ramp.
Response: During the construction process three interchange ramps, including the south bound on ramp from I-76 west to I-77 south will be modified to the current ODOT guidelines.

Comments on modifications to ramp from I-76 west to SR-8 north:

No comments received.

Comments on modifications to ramp from I-76 east to SR-8 north:

No comments received.

Additional Comments:

Comment: Over the past 20 years traffic congestion has significantly increased for the I-77, I-76, and State Route 8 interchange. While the proposed changes will relieve traffic congestion for the east and west bound I-76 traffic it will not relieve traffic congestion for the State Route 8 southbound traffic. The significant contributor for the traffic congestion is from the oncoming traffic from the Butchel/Carroll Avenue southbound on ramp. I would also suggest lowering the speed on State Route 8 throughout Downtown Akron to 45 or 50 mph. Ideally, it would be nice to close the Butchel/Carroll Avenue southbound on ramp and force vehicles to enter at Perkins Avenue. However, since there is a lot of open space between Perkins and the Buchtel/Carroll on ramp, remove those two ramps and redesign it to allow more time to merge over to I-77 S. Additionally, it would be nice to link the Howe Avenue exit to the Route 59 bypass to alleviate traffic congestion at the I-76, I-77, and S.R. 8 interchange. It's almost complete, and it would be a logical first step to having a loop around the interchange to relief the congestion at the I-76, I-77, and S.R. 8 interchange.
Response: Thank you for your suggestions. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.

Comment: Consider making the comment submittal process on your website. No envelope, stamp, or mailing involved. Create a Google Document and put a hyperlink on the ODOT Website. All answers could be submitted on a spreadsheet, and you don’t have to decipher handwriting.
Response: Thank you for your suggestions. Public comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration during the project planning and design process.